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In re Application of

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For: TRANSMISSION APPARATUS AND TRANSMISSION METHOD

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please enter the following specification changes as noted below:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 5, line 1, delete "or 4".

Claim 6, line 1, change "any of Claims 3 to 5" to --Claim 3--.

Claim 7, line 1, change "any of Claims 3 to 6" to --Claim 3--.